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1. REFTELS OUTLINE CHRONOLOGY OF USG EFFORTS TO HAVE OPERATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDED IN GOJ FY-73 EFFORT AT MISAWA. REFS INDICATE NOT ONLY THAT REPEATED EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE, BUT ALSO THAT USG ALREADY HAS CONCURRED IN GOJ PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF AVAILABLE JFY-73 FUNDS. REF I INCLUDED EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION THAT WE AVOID FURTHER RAISING OF OPERATIONAL FACILITIES ISSUE AT MISAWA AND CONCENTRATE INSTEAD ON JFY-74 PACKAGE.

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2. ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1973, POL/MIL COUNSELOR CARRIED

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OUT INSTRUCTIONS REF J WITH FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION HEAD YAMASHITA, POINTING OUT TO HIM THAT PART OF EARLIER RATIONALE FOR GOJ INABILITY UNDERTAKE MISAWA OPRERATIONAL PROJECTS DURING REMAINDER JFY-73 WAS THAT COLD WEATHER PRECULUDED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY DURING WINTER.

3. ON SEPTEMBER 8 YAMASHITA REPLIED THAT HE HAD CHECKED INTO MATTER WITH BOTH DFAA AND MINFIN AND THAT SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCING FOR SUCH PROJECTS STILL APPEARED IMPOSSIBLE DESPITE FACT THAT SOME CONSTRUCTION WORK COULD BE CARRIED ON INDOORS. YAMASHITA EXPLAINED THAT SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS GENERALLY ARE DESIGNED TO COVER SUCH UNEXPECTED EVENTS AS EARTHQUAKE, TYPHOON, OR OTHER MAJOR CALAMITY COSTS. FURTHERMORE, GIVEN ENORMOUS COST INCREASES IN DFAA CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS DURING EARLY PART OF JFY-73 THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO FUNDS AVAILABLE IN OTHER DFAA PROJECTS TO TRANSFER INTO MISAWA OPERATIONAL FACILITIES ACCOUNT.

4. YAMASHITA CONFIRMED THAT GOJ PLANS INITIATE CONSTRUCTION MISAWA OPERATIONAL PROJECTS ASAP AFTER BEGINNING JFY-74.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT FONOFF'S REEXAMINATION WITH DFAA AND MINFIN OF OUR REPEATED REQUEST WAS NOT MERELY PRO FORMA AND THAT FONOFF MADE SUBSTANTIAL EFFORT TO FIND WAY TO MEET OUR RENEWED REPRESENTATION. IN LIGHT OF CONSISTENTLY NEGATIVE RESULTS FROM OUR EFFORTS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS AGAIN THAT WE DROP THIS ISSUE.
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